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TO: CIA File

FROM: Michie

RE: Telecon interview with Charles Siragusa, former Asst. Deputy Commissioner, Asst. Commissioner, and Deputy Commissioner of FBN, FROM 1959 to 1963 when he retired.

Siragusa said that, when he was Asst. Deputy Commissioner, he became liaison to CIA in 1959. He said that one day someone came in from CIA; Anslinger introduced Siragusa to the CIA person, and told Siragusa to work with them.

Siragusa said he remembers dealing with four people from CIA during his tenure at FBN; he couldn't remember the first guy's name; the second person was Vincent Thill; the third was a stocky guy whose name he couldn't recall (said he worked with him the longest); and the fourth person was Ray Treichler.

Siragusa said he saw the first guy about every four or five months for about a year. He said this person wanted help in getting people out of Cuba.

Asked if he had had dealings with the first guy in connection with the safehouses, Siragusa said he may have. He said White "handled that and had his own contacts with CIA. He said White had an apartment in a motel. He said that whenever CIA wanted to use it they would take it. He said CIA had a key to the apartment and had priority on use of the apartment, but, said Siragusa, "as far as I knew, they never used it much.

Siragusa said he went to San Francisco a few times. He said he was an inspector for FBN. He said he saw the motel apartment twice. He said he believes that White had had another apartment before that, but doesn't know where it was. He said he went to ~~San~~ San Francisco in 1959 or 60 and again in 1961. He said the setup at the motel was a studio apartment-- one large room and a small kitchen and bath. He said White had the place wired up and there was a two-way mirror. He said he thinks that when White wanted to use the two-way mirror, he would rent the adjoining apartment.

Siragusa said he met Dr. Hamilton once at White's office or at Hamilton's place. He said he doesn't remember meeting anyone in San Francisco with CIA.

Siragusa said he didn't know what CIA was using the motel for. He said, "We never asked, but we knew it was cloak and dagger stuff." He said he doesn't remember if the place was used for "shack-up" purposes.





Siragusa said he knew nothing about a second safehouse location in NYC. However, he said that when Belk succeeded Gaffney as Supervisor in NYC he could have set one up without telling Siragusa.

Siragusa said he recalls that the apartment in NYC was in operation from 1960x to about 1962. He said it was shut down about a year before he left the FBN, which was in November of 1963. He said he left because he didn't like Gaffney. Siragusa said, "I was the number-2 man, but instead of taking orders from me Gaffney would go over my head to Giardano."

Siragusa said he was never at the ~~NYC~~ NYC apartment for an operation. He said the address of the apartment was 13th and 6th Avenue. He said that as far as he knew no parties were held at the apartment.

Asked about the scandals within FBN in 1963, Siragusa said they had nothing ~~to~~ to do with the apartment. Later, he changed his statement and said they could have. He said Andy Tartaglino ~~would~~ would know about the ~~scandals~~ scandals (was number-2 man in D.C. under Ingersall). He said Tartaglino's address was 4201 Lee Hwy., Apt. 508, Arlington, ~~332-7327~~. *934-3371 225-7994*

Asked about Thill from CIA, Siragusa said he had been ~~asked~~ asked by Thill in the early 60's to recruit an assassination squad, and Siragusa refused. Siragusa said he had known Thill from the OSS in Europe.

Siragusa said CIA used to come ~~in~~ to him with all kinds of ideas. He said once they asked him to set up a detective agency as a front for the Agency.

Siragusa said that he dealt with Treichler in connection with the NYC safehouse. He said Treichler would send him money when rent ~~was~~ was due. He said Treichler had a key to ~~the~~ the apartment, and so did Siragusa. He said that whenever Treichler wanted to use the apartment Treichler was supposed to call Siragusa so that Siragusa could tell Gaffney in NYC ~~to~~ to keep FBN people away from there.

Siragusa said Treichler never told him what CIA was using the apartment for.

Siragusa said he recalls that Treichler called him no more than a couple of times to use the apartment, "but", said Siragusa, "I gathered that he used it more often than that, and would clear it with Gaffney, and later with Belk when Belk became Supervisor of the NYC office." He said that FBN didn't use the apartment very ~~often~~ often.

Siragusa said he's fairly certain that the safehouse was terminated in 1962 or early 1963 in NYC. He said Treichler would have told either he or Gaffney that CIA was shutting it down. He said he remembers throwing out all of the old receipts for liquor, etc, because CIA didn't ask for them, and never asked for an accounting.

Siragusa said he had gone to the NYC pad two or three times a year, sometimes with Tagley, or Gaffney or Belk, and maybe with Treichler. He said ~~that~~ they just went there to talk.

Siragusa said he had never heard of a safehouse in Chicago, and added, "I'd be pissed off if I wasn't told about it."

•Siragusa said Feldman had come back to NYC before he had left the Bureau. He said, "Feldman had a nack for ingratiating himself with people. Feldman had his nose up Belk's ass, and they became buddies. From conversations in my presence, it was obvious that Feldman was using the pad. This was in 62 or 63. He and Belk talked about the pad, and Belk may have said to Feldman to clue him in on operations at the pad."

Siragusa said he assumes Feldman knew Treichler from San Francisco, because Siragusa remembers Treichler's name having been mentioned in San Francisco. He said Treichler used to call Feldman, "Ike", and would say what a "hotshot" Feldman was and the good he did. He said he remembers that on one occasion, after Siragusa had reprimanded Feldman over an incident involving a gun, that Treichler had come to Feldman's defense and asked Siragusa to forgive Feldman.

Siragusa said that when Treichler went to NYC, Treichler would see Feldman there. He said Treichler often talked about "Ike", but Feldman never mentioned Treichler.

Siragusa said he always wrote very detailed reports on his inspection trips to the District offices. And he ~~is~~ said he alternated with Giardano on the inspection trips. He said he's certain that they must still be in the files. He said they ~~are~~ might be filed under each of the 5 Districts. He said Andy Tartaglino would know where they are.